

What is claimed is:

1. Eyewear with a replaceable lens comprising, in combination:
  - an elongate center member;
  - a pair of temple arms;
  - a pair of connecting members, each connecting member secured to one of the temple arms and to the center member, and having a slot formed in a surface thereof; and
  - a lens received in the slots of the connecting members, a rear surface of the lens along an upper edge of the lens being spaced forwardly from the center member so as to form a gap therebetween.
2. The eyewear of claim 1, further comprising a nosepiece at a lower edge of the lens.
3. The eyewear of claim 2, wherein the nosepiece is an inverted V-shaped member.
4. The eyewear of claim 2, wherein the nosepiece is secured to a pair of notches formed in a recess formed in the lower edge of the lens.
5. The eyewear of claim 2, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of projections, each projection engaging a notch formed in a recess in the lower edge of the lens.
6. The eyewear of claim 2, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of frustoconical projections, each frustoconical projection engaging a notch formed in a recess in the lower edge of the lens.

7. The eyewear of claim 6, wherein each frustoconical projection includes a planar surface extending substantially perpendicular to a base of the frustoconical projection.
8. The eyewear of claim 7, wherein the planar surface is substantially flush with an edge surface of the recess of the lens.
9. The eyewear of claim 2, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of planar surfaces and a pair of frustoconical members, each frustoconical member extending outwardly from one of the planar surfaces, having a base spaced from the one of the planar surfaces, and engaging a notch formed in a recess in the lower edge of the lens, the planar surfaces abutting against the rear surface of the lens, the planar surfaces and frustoconical members cooperating to secure the nosepiece to the lens.
10. The eyewear of claim 9, wherein each frustoconical member includes a planar surface extending substantially perpendicular to a base of the frustoconical member, the planar surface of the frustoconical member being substantially flush with an edge surface of the recess of the lens.
11. The eyewear of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of rearwardly extending fins on a rear surface of the nosepiece.
12. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein the center member is curved rearwardly.
13. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein the lens comprises a single piece lens.

14. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein the center member is formed of a rigid material.
15. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein the center member is formed of a carbon fiber composite.
16. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein each temple arm is of unitary construction with a connecting member.
17. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein each temple arm is formed of beta titanium.
18. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein each connecting member is of unitary construction with the center member.
19. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein each temple arm and each connecting member is of unitary construction with the center member.
20. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein each temple arm is pivotally secured to a connecting member by a hinge.
21. The eyewear of claim 1, wherein each connecting member includes a first portion and a second portion connected to the first portion by a hinge.
22. Eyewear with a replaceable lens comprising, in combination:  
an elongate center member;

a pair of temple arms;

a pair of connecting members, each connecting member secured to one of the temple arms and to the center member and having a slot formed in a surface thereof; and

a lens having an upper edge, a first tab at a first end of the upper edge, and a second tab at an opposed second end of the upper edge, the tabs being received in the slots of the connecting members such that a gap is formed between an outward surface of the center member and a rear surface of the lens along the upper edge of the lens.

23. The eyewear of claim 22, further comprising an inverted V-shaped nosepiece secured to a pair of notches formed in a recess in a lower edge of the lens.

24. The eyewear of claim 23, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of projections, each projection engaging one of the notches.

25. The eyewear of claim 24, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of frustoconical projections, each frustoconical projection engaging one of the notches.

26. The eyewear of claim 25, wherein each frustoconical member includes a planar surface extending substantially perpendicular to a base of the frustoconical member, the planar surface being substantially flush with an edge surface of the recess of the lens.

27. The eyewear of claim 23, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of planar surfaces and a pair of frustoconical members, each frustoconical member extending outwardly from one of the planar surfaces,

having a base spaced from the one of the planar surfaces, and engaging one of the notches, the planar surfaces abutting against the rear surface of the lens, the planar surfaces and frustoconical members cooperating to secure the nosepiece to the lens.

28. The eyewear of claim 23, further comprising a plurality of rearwardly extending fins on a rear surface of the nosepiece.

29. The eyewear of claim 22, wherein the center member is curved rearwardly.

30. The eyewear of claim 22, wherein the lens comprises a single piece lens.

31. The eyewear of claim 22, wherein the center member is formed of a rigid material.

32. The eyewear of claim 22, wherein the center member is formed of a carbon fiber composite.

33. The eyewear of claim 22, wherein each temple arm is formed of beta titanium.

34. Eyewear with a replaceable lens comprising, in combination:

an elongate center member;

a pair of temple arms;

a pair of connecting members, each connecting member secured to one of the temple arms and to the center member, and having a slot formed in a lower surface thereof;

a lens having a lower edge and an upper edge, a recess formed in the lower edge, a first tab at a first end of the upper edge, and a second tab at an opposed second end of the upper edge, the tabs being received in the slots of the connecting members such that a gap is formed between an outward surface of the center member and a rear surface of the lens along the upper edge of the lens between the connecting members; and

an inverted V-shaped nosepiece is formed of a pair of arms, each arm including a projection and a planar surface, each projection engaging a notch formed in the recess and each planar surface abutting against a rear surface of the lens such that the projections and planar surfaces cooperate to secure the nosepiece to the lens.

35. Eyewear with a replaceable lens comprising, in combination:

an elongate center member;

a pair of temple arms;

a pair of connecting members, each connecting member secured to one of the temple arms and to the center member, and having a slot formed in a surface thereof; and

a lens having an upper edge, a first end of the upper edge being received in the slot formed in one of the connecting members, an opposed second end of the upper edge being received in the slot formed in the other of the connecting members, the upper edge of the lens between its first and second ends being spaced from the center member so as to form a continuous gap therebetween.

36. The eyewear of claim 35, further comprising a nosepiece at a lower edge of the lens.

37. The eyewear of claim 36, wherein the nosepiece is an inverted V-shaped member.

38. The eyewear of claim 36, wherein the nosepiece is secured to a pair of notches formed in a recess formed in the lower edge of the lens.
39. The eyewear of claim 36, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of projections, each projection engaging a notch formed in a recess in the lower edge of the lens.
40. The eyewear of claim 36, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of frustoconical projections, each frustoconical projection engaging a notch formed in a recess in the lower edge of the lens.
41. The eyewear of claim 40, wherein each frustoconical projection includes a planar surface extending substantially perpendicular to a base of the frustoconical projection.
42. The eyewear of claim 41, wherein the planar surface is substantially flush with an edge surface of the recess of the lens.
43. The eyewear of claim 36, wherein the nosepiece includes a pair of planar surfaces and a pair of frustoconical members, each frustoconical member extending outwardly from one of the planar surfaces, having a base spaced from the one of the planar surfaces, and engaging a notch formed in a recess in the lower edge of the lens, the planar surfaces abutting against the rear surface of the lens, the planar surfaces and frustoconical members cooperating to secure the nosepiece to the lens.

44. The eyewear of claim 43, wherein each frustoconical member includes a planar surface extending substantially perpendicular to a base of the frustoconical member, the planar surface of the frustoconical member being substantially flush with an edge surface of the recess of the lens.
45. The eyewear of claim 36, further comprising a plurality of rearwardly extending fins on a rear surface of the nosepiece.
46. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein the center member is curved rearwardly.
47. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein the lens comprises a single piece lens.
48. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein the center member is formed of a rigid material.
49. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein the center member is formed of a carbon fiber composite.
50. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein each temple arm is formed of beta titanium.
51. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein each temple arm is of unitary construction with a connecting member.
52. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein each connecting member is of unitary construction with the center member.



53. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein each temple arm and each connecting member is of unitary construction with the center member.

54. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein each temple arm is pivotally secured to a connecting member by a hinge.

55. The eyewear of claim 35, wherein each connecting member includes a first portion and a second portion connected to the first portion by a hinge.